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## **Arizona Water Initiative Cochise Planning Area Stakeholder Meeting Summary**

**Date:** November 30, 2016  
**Time:** 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Willcox Community Center – Main Hall  
312 W Stewart St  
Willcox, AZ 85643

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. ADWR Cochise Planning Area Coordinator Natalie Mast opened the meeting by welcoming stakeholders, describing the structure of the meeting, and reviewing ongoing ADWR and Arizona Water Initiative activities.
  - i. The next Governor's Water Augmentation Council Meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2017.
  - ii. Additional meetings are being planned in other active Planning Areas.
  - iii. The next Cochise Planning Area meeting is being planned, and stakeholders will be notified of that meeting by email.

### **2. Final Industrial Water Demand Projections**

- a. Ms. Mast presented a summary of updated Industrial Water Demand Projections, originally presented at the October 18, 2016 meeting, and refined based on stakeholder feedback during and after that meeting.
  - i. A stakeholder asked why the San Simon Valley Sub-Basin water use increased over time from 60 acre-feet to 6,060 acre-feet. Ms. Mast clarified that this particular increase was due to a new power plant being built in the area, expected to be operational in 2018.
  - ii. A stakeholder asked what percentage of water use numbers were actual reported use as compared to estimates or calculated numbers. Ms. Mast clarified that data from individual users plus projections from other sources.
  - iii. A stakeholder asked if the numbers included city use, such as the City of Willcox. Ms. Mast clarified that it did not include household use within the city limits, but would include industrial users on city water.
  - iv. A stakeholder asked if the numbers included a new orchard that was being developed. Ms. Mast clarified that orchards would be covered under agricultural water uses and would be discussed at a future meeting.
  - v. A stakeholder asked for clarification regarding the current power production water use number. Ms. Mast confirmed that the power plant in the Willcox Basin had provided

their 2015 water use of 3,244 acre-feet and pointed to the [slide](#) where the data was referenced.

- vi. A stakeholder asked what the total water use is and what the total supply is. Ms. Mast responded that Industrial uses were approximately 5% of total demands for the Planning Area and that each basin within the Planning Area had a different annual recharge, but that she did not have those numbers available at the meeting.

### **3. [Guest Presentation: John Hart, Willcox Basin Groundwater Conservation Area Working Group](#)**

- a. John Hart presented a summary of the Groundwater Conservation Area (GCA) concept developed by a group in the Willcox Basin as a “third option” to management options currently in statute.
- b. ADWR Legislative Liaison and Special Assistant to the Director Doug Dunham provided additional detail on the proposed regulatory structure of the GCA Concept.
  - i. Note: As is typical practice when developing water management tools in Arizona, ADWR provided technical assistance to the Willcox Basin Water Group.

### **4. Discussion of Management Options**

- a. This agenda item was skipped in order to allow further discussion of other items.

### **5. General Comment**

- a. This agenda item was skipped in order to allow further discussion of other items.

### **6. Closing Remarks**

- a. Ms. Mast thanked Mr. Hart and Mr. Dunham for their contributions to the meeting and reminded stakeholders to leave their contact information on the sign-in sheets if they would like to receive communications about meetings. Ms. Mast closed the meeting by thanking stakeholders for attending.